

**CITY OF TAFT  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
AGENDA  
MARCH 8, 2022  
KIVA HUT – 402 PARK STREET  
6:30 P.M.**

In accordance with Section 551.041 of the Government Code, notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Taft will be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the Kiva Hut, 402 Park St, Taft, Texas 78390.

**You may join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.**

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United States (Toll Free): 1-877-309-2073

**Access Code: 599-496853**

1. Call to order and quorum check.
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.
3. VISITORS - At this time, comments will be taken from the audience on any subject matter. To address the Council, please sign the Opinion/Speaker Registration Form located on the table at the entrance of the meeting room and deliver to the City Secretary before the meeting begins. Should there be more than five (5) people who wish to speak on a particular issue they need to select one (1) representative to speak for them. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council may not discuss or take action on any item which has not been posted on the agenda. Citizens are to refrain from any personal attacks on the council or any member of the staff. Failure to abide by these policies could result in a charge of disorderly conduct.
4. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the February 9, 2021 regular meeting minutes, February 18, 2021 special emergency meeting minutes, February 19, 2021 special emergency meeting minutes, and February 23, 2021 regular meeting minutes. *(city staff)*
5. Update by the Taft Economic Development Corporation. *(Councilman Vara)*
6. Consider, discuss, and take action on request for proposals for auditing services for FYE 2021. *(city staff)*
7. Consider, discuss, and take action on Resolution No. 654, a resolution regarding a finance contract for the purpose of procuring a "Hydro Cleaner". *(city staff)*
8. Consider, discuss, and take action on Resolution 655, a resolution accepting Gulf Coast Growth Ventures engage Gray Planning Studio to develop and facilitate adoption of a Downtown Revitalization Plan and a Comprehensive short term work plan. *(city staff)*
9. Consider, discuss, and take action on approving the purchase of a generator. *(city staff)*
10. Consider, discuss, and take action on authorizing the closure of City Hall at lunch for an hour and a half on March 29, 2022 to have a retirement luncheon for Larry Copeland. *(city staff)*

11. Consider, discuss and take action on approving Ordinance No. 1090, an ordinance repealing and replacing Ordinance No. 1089, prescribing rules, regulations, rates and fees and application process for water, sewer and garbage service. *(staff)*
12. Consider, discuss and take action on the updated City of Taft 2022 Holiday Schedule. *(city staff)*
13. Consider, discuss and take action on approving Ordinance No. 1091, an ordinance adopting a new city nuisance abatement ordinance to protect the public's health, safety and welfare. *(city staff)*
14. Discussion on new employee added in the capacity to serve as the Public Works secretary presently. *(Councilman Rodriguez)*
15. Consider, discuss, and take action on the car allowance benefit. *(Councilman Vara)*
16. Update from the Taft Police Department on the status of cases involving the juveniles that did destruction. *(Councilman Hernandez)*
17. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance No. 1054, an ordinance establishing juvenile nighttime and daytime curfew hours within the City of Taft. *(Mayor Powell)*
18. Discussion and possible action on ordinances pertaining to alcoholic beverages. *(Councilman Vasquez)*
19. Consider, discuss and take action on forwarding all complaints against Sgt. Reynaldo Cortez, Chief Ponce Trevino, and City Manager Melissa Gonzales to a third party to investigate. *(Councilman Vasquez)*
20. Consider, discuss, and take action on Ordinance 1083, an ordinance of the City of Taft to designate that the Chief of Police be a municipal officer appointed, hired and removed by the City Council. *(Mayor Powell)*
21. Consider, discuss, and take action on the speed limit on FM 631 by Taft Little League fields. *(Mayor Powell)*
22. Discuss and consider update regarding the city's financial condition as it relates to bonded debt, past dues, recurring payments, revenues and expenditures. *(city staff)*
23. Discuss monthly reports for municipal court, police department, animal control, code enforcement, public works, and fire department. *(city staff)*
24. City Council Requests and Announcements:
  - Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for items on future City Council agenda
  - Announcements by Mayor and Councilmembers
25. Adjournment.

A closed executive session may be held if the discussion of any of the above agenda items concerns one of the following:

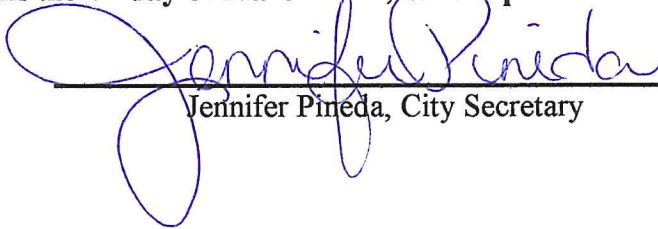
1. Texas Open Meetings Act - Contemplated or pending litigation or matters where **legal advice** is requested of the City Attorney.

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| 2. | Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.072 | The <b><i>purchase, exchange, lease or value or real property</i></b> , if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person.          |
| 3. | Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.073 | A <b><i>contract for a prospective gift or donation</i></b> to the City, if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person.         |
| 4. | Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.074 | <b><i>Personnel matters</i></b> involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint against an officer or employee. |
| 5. | Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.076 | The deployment or specific occasion for the implementation of <b><i>security personnel or devices</i></b> .                                                                                                              |
| 6. | Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.087 | Deliberations regarding <b><i>economic development negotiations</i></b> .                                                                                                                                                |

### NOTICE

Persons with disabilities planning to attend this meeting who may need auxiliary aids or services are asked to contact the City offices at (361) 528-3512 by Monday noon.

**DATED and POSTED** this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022, at 6:00 p.m.



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Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary